

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION BRANCH
POSITION STATEMENT**

STUDENTS STANDING ON LIFTS TO BE LOADED/UNLOADED

It is the Pupil Transportation Branch's opinion that the method of loading and unloading students with disabilities requires careful consideration. The primary concern should always be SAFETY of the students, as well as the driver and assistants.

It is recommended that students not be allowed to stand on the lift while being loaded and/or unloaded. Appropriate student protection is essential when the lift is in operation.

Students should be placed in wheelchairs or chairs that are secured when the lift is being used for loading and/or unloading.

Given the lack of specific federal requirements in this area, The Pupil Transportation Branch feels this position is the only one that can address this question of safety for the students, drivers and assistants.